

South King County Projects Update

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South King County Traffic Closures This Week

PLEASE NOTE: All paving and striping work is weather dependent. Closures associated with this type of work could be postponed by rain.

Interstate 5

- Three lanes of northbound I-5 near Military Road will close Tuesday (Oct. 11) from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. for paving.
- Three lanes of southbound I-5 near S. 320th will close Tuesday night (Oct. 11) for crews to install guardrail and safety structures. The first lane will close at 7 p.m., with three lanes closed by 11 p.m. All southbound lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. Wednesday.
- The left lane of southbound I-5 between S. 336th and the Pierce County line will close nightly Monday through Thursday (Oct. 10-13) from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. for median work.
- The left lane of southbound I-5 between Military Road and S. 320th will close daily Monday through Friday (Oct. 10-14) from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. for median work.
- Expect daytime shoulder closures on I-5 from S. 320th to the Pierce County line for electrical work.

Highway 18

- One lane in each direction of Highway 18 near I-5 will close nightly Monday through Thursday (Oct. 10-13) from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. for bridge work.
- Expect nighttime lane closures on Highway 18 between Federal Way and Auburn Monday through Thursday (Oct. 10-13) for drainage, electrical and pavement marking work.

Highway 161

- Expect daytime shoulder closures on Highway 161 between S. 360th and Milton Way from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (Oct. 10-14) while crews work to widen the highway.

Extending HOV Lanes on the [I-5 - S. 317th HOV Direct Access Project](#)

The new [HOV on and off-ramps](#) in the I-5 median at S. 317th are coming along at a rapid pace. But the northbound and southbound I-5 HOV lanes currently end north of the new ramps, at Military Road. So we are extending the HOV lanes to just south of S. 320th (about a mile). The new HOV lanes and ramps will open at the same time – later this fall, weather permitting.

The project just south of the S. 317th project will extend the I-5 HOV lanes in both directions all the way from S. 320th to the King/Pierce County line. Then drivers who share the ride will be able to travel all the way from Seattle to Pierce County and back in HOV lanes, saving time and reducing congestion. View our map of [central Puget Sound HOV projects](#) to learn more.

Crews Race to Beat Rains on [I-5 HOV Widening Project](#)

On I-5 between S. 320th and the Pierce County line, crews have moved approximately 6,000 dump truck loads of material in the median since work began in April. We've leveled out high spots and filled in low spots, and there will be some excess material that we'll haul away when we're done. We're getting ready to begin paving the new HOV lanes within the next couple of weeks, weather permitting.

As you can imagine, rain causes the material in the median to become very muddy and messy as equipment and trucks roll through. This makes it nearly impossible to continue working with the material. So rain can put a damper on this type of work, as well as paving. However, crews can still work on other parts of the project during rainy periods, such as widening the I-5 bridges over Highway 18 and S. 336th Street.

[Highway 18 Truck Climbing Lane](#) Opens This Week

We're putting the finishing touches on this project before we open the new westbound truck-climbing lane to traffic. Weather permitting, crews will be out at night this week cleaning drainage and completing electrical systems throughout the project. We will also place directional arrows on the pavement at the westbound on-ramp from Highway 167 and at the end of the truck-climbing lane at Weyerhaeuser Way. We plan to open the new lane to traffic tomorrow (Wednesday, Oct. 12), weather permitting. There will still be some minor work to finish after the lane is open.

New Temporary Traffic Signals This Week on [Highway 161 Widening Project](#)

We're installing temporary traffic signals at three intersections along Highway 161 this week: 19th Way S., 28th Ave. S. and Military Road S. These intersections already have signals, but the wooden poles that hold up the existing signals are too close to the road for us to be able to widen the highway. So we're installing new, temporary wooden poles further from the roadway. We've installed new signal control cabinets at these intersections and will hook the new temporary signals up to these cabinets. When we've completed the highway widening, we will replace these temporary signals with new permanent signals mounted on steel poles.

We've recently paved half the width of a 20-foot-wide section on the east (northbound) side of Highway 161 between 28th Ave. S. and S. 370th. We plan to pave the remaining 10-foot width this week if we can get enough dry weather.

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- [SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Project](#)
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